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THE AFTERNOON SESSIONS

THE SENATE

FORTY-NINTH DAY.

End Morning Session.

Harvey spoke against the raise on the ground that the Governor had not recommended it.

Chillingworth believed Hemenway to be a good lawyer and disposed to do right. Also he considered that the salary should be \$500. Yet he thought the motion now made to be in bad taste. The salary should have been considered before action was taken on the appointment. He believed Hemenway worth \$500 a month all the same.

Smith withdrew the motion. The high sheriff's salary passed at \$225 a month, that of deputy and clerk at \$100 and deputy warden Territorial prison at \$125.

The items of \$38,000 for guards and lunas of Territorial prisoners and \$40,000 for maintenance of prisoners were deferred.

The committee rose and reported progress.

SCHOOL FUND COMMISSION.

Robinson presented a joint resolution for the appointment by the Governor of a School Fund Commission of three members "who shall thoroughly examine and investigate the methods of raising and apportioning school funds elsewhere and who shall consider ways and means for the revision and betterment of the methods now employed in this Territory for such purpose." Its members are to serve without pay but \$250 is appropriated for expenses, and the commission is to report to the Governor not later than July 1, 1940, with recommendations and such bill or bills as may be deemed necessary. It passed first reading.

Recess from 12 to 2 p. m.

Afternoon Session.

Kalama, with Coelho seconding, introduced a resolution favoring an amendment by Congress of the Organic Act to increase the salary of the Governor to \$10,000 a year.

Appointments by the Governor named in his latest message on that subject were considered. All were confirmed except Worth O. Aiken, the Maui members of the Board of Education, his case being deferred on motion of Robinson.

THE APPROPRIATION BILL. Consideration of the appropriation bill was resumed in committee of the whole, Knudsen in the chair.

Coelho moved to restore the item of \$750 for industrial training under the Board of Education.

McCarthy said he was opposed to it at first but having seen the school exhibit at the Armory was now in favor of it.

Woods and Baker followed with a like good confession. The item passed.

Quinn moved to insert a new item of \$2500 for exterminating mongooses. A law was passed last session for the purpose but no money was provided.

Coelho said the mongooses was introduced to exterminate rats in the cane, but it had turned round to destroy chickens instead. As representing the small farmers of Maui he favored extermination of the mongooses.

Kalama did not think this the proper bill for the item. Smith suggested that the conservation act was the appropriate place.

Makekau thought it stultifying to

vote money for exterminating the rat-killing mongoose after having voted \$15,000 for killing rats in Honolulu and Hilo. The planters wanted the mongoose to keep down the rats. It was a derogation of dignity on the part of the Senate to vote money for killing mongoose. He was a chicken-raiser in Hamakua and only occasionally did the mongoose get away with a chicken. Moreover, Go made the mongooses and it was not for man to kill the little animal.

Quinn replied that the mongoose was now inbreeding with the rat. On the island of Hawaii a child had been so badly bitten by a mongoose that it died.

Woods knew that in Hamakua the mongooses bred with the rats. They also fed on carrion instead of rats.

The item passed. Fairchild moved to insert \$10,000 for a wharf and shed at Hanaelei. Carried.

Baker asked if the item just carried did not open the door to other similar items. There were petitions from Kona and elsewhere in that behalf. He moved to insert an item of \$3000 for school agents.

Fairchild quoted Supt. Babbitt as saying that if the schedule of teachers' salaries was adopted the school agents could be left out. When the care of school houses was given to the counties there would be a class of authority if the school agents were retained.

Smith favored the motion, enlarging on the value of the office. Robinson defended it. Moore said the question was settled the other day and if they kept on as they were doing they could not properly handle the finances of this Territory.

Baker drew a picture of neglect of the schools and the children if there were no school agents. Harvey could not understand the thing at all, this taking up items that had been laid down.

The item was lost. Woods moved to insert \$1200 for maintenance of quarantine horse and wagon in Hilo. Carried.

Coelho moved to insert \$7000 for an armory at Lahaina.

McCarthy believed an armory helped the militia. At the same time they had only a certain amount of money. He moved to postpone the Lahaina armory two years. Carried.

Moore interrupted further attempts to move new items by suggesting that the chairman proceed with calling the deferred items. With all the skipping about they would never get through with the bill.

Deferred items for prison guards and maintenance of prisoners passed as in the House bill.

Robinson moved \$425 for clerks in Auditor's office, a raise of \$12.50 a month. Hammers were out all over the house and the motion failed.

Robinson moved an amendment to item of \$49,200 for deputies and clerks, dividing the items as follows: Deputies, Oahu; \$4200; commissions of deputy assessors and collectors, \$24,500; clerks and interpreters, Honolulu, \$20,000; incidentals, Oahu, \$6000. The mover argued that commissions could not be paid out of a lump appropriation for salaries.

The remaining items of the schedule given and passed later are these: Maui: Assessor (\$200), \$4800; commissions of deputies, etc., \$16,300; clerk and interpreter, \$1200; expenses, \$1000. Hawaii: Assessor (\$200),

\$4800; deputies, clerks, etc., \$24,000; expenses, \$2000. Kaula and Niihau: Assessor (\$200), \$4800; deputies, clerks, etc., \$14,000; expenses, \$1500.

This point was argued without agreement and Auditor Fisher was called in, who in answer to questions gave the opinion that, according to the law, the deputies should be paid by commission. He was aware, however, that some deputies had been receiving compensation on pay rolls.

Smith concluded that the law would justify the Auditor in paying the deputies either way.

Fairchild moved to defer the items until the Senate had the attendance and advice of Attorneys Robertson and Kinney. Carried.

The item of \$15,000 for payroll and expenses of the College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts raised another controversy, as to whether the item should go into this bill or in appropriations for the Department of Agriculture and Forestry.

Coelho claimed it was too late to provided for these objects elsewhere than in this bill.

Smith disputed the contention, saying a resolution of the ways and means was pending which would accommodate this item.

The item was deferred.

Under Public Works, Fairchild proposed a classification of items in conformity with the proposal to combine with that department the department of Public Lands and the Survey Department.

Quinn doubted the feasibility of combination while favoring the economy it would secure.

Smith said that under the monarchy all three of the bureaus in question were under the Minister of the Interior. To combine the offices did not appear to be forbidden by the Organic Act.

McCarthy thought that the sense of the Senate should be taken on the question of combination without reference to salary times. He moved that the Public Works, Land and Survey departments be consolidated under the Superintendent of Public Works. Carried.

Makekau began questioning the schedule but was told he did not understand the action just taken.

Fairchild spoke of the advantages of the consolidation, particularly in eliminating divided councils of chiefs where the three services dovetailed. At present if one had matters to adjust with all of them the business would be liable to consume his lifetime.

The schedule was then voted on and passed as given below.

On maintenance, repairs and additions, Coelho moved to raise the item for Maui from \$1000 to \$2500. Fairchild had the greatest admiration for the honorable member's avidity on behalf of Maui but did not think he should hypnotize them all the time. Passed at \$2500.

An item of \$1000 extra for pilots drew fire from Quinn and Supt. of Public Works Marston Campbell was called in, who explained that it was wanted to provide for sick leave and vacations. He also answered questions on the gunpowder man, etc., put by Moore. He retired with a vote of thanks moved, seconded and carried by the chair.

McCarthy moved for a raise of the Diamond Head watchman from \$65 to \$75 a month. Carried.

Moore was responsible for creating the office of keeper of the powder magazine.

Chillingworth moved the Queen's Hospital item, making a speech. Kalama moved to insert \$100,000 for the construction of a government

mint, evidently as a sly piece of irony on the inflation of the bill.

The emergency fund item of \$75,000 was further deferred until completion of the bill on second reading but the action was reconsidered.

Moore thought it too much, to which Fairchild agreed, saying it was originally \$50,000 but raised by the House. The reduction was made.

Items for the College of Hawaii were inserted, subject to striking out later.

Robinson's amendment to the tax office items was also adopted on the same condition.

The committee rose and recommended that Senate bills 49 and 132 be laid on the table and that House bill 74 as amended pass second reading. Besides items above specifically noted, the following were passed at the sitting:

Superintendent of Public Works, Commissioner of Public Lands and Surveyor (\$416.66 2-3), \$10,000; engineers, architects, draftsmen, clerks, stenographers, sub-agents, rangers,

messengers, expenses, \$90,280. Total, \$100,280.

Keoper powder magazine (\$75), \$1800; incidentals (pilots), \$1000. Queen's Hospital, \$24,000.

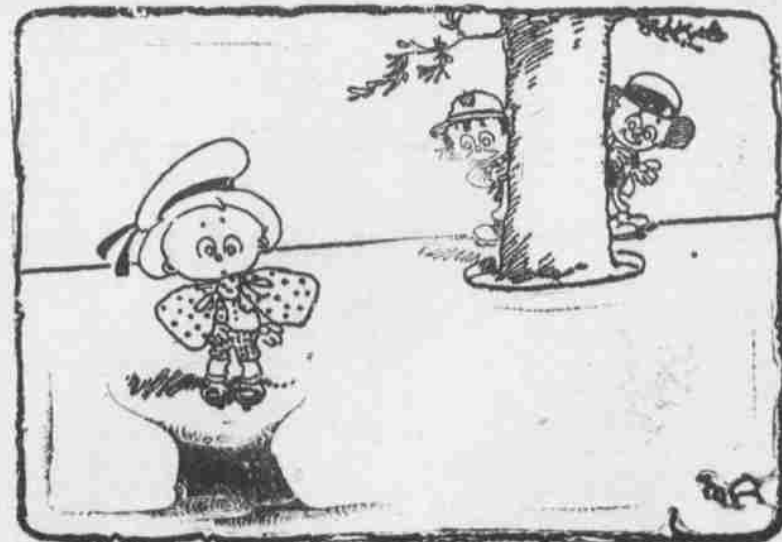
Clerk to have charge of clerks' office, act as cashier and bookkeeper, at \$175 a month, passed before under Circuit Courts, was transferred on motion of Coelho to Supreme Court and entitled Clerk Judiciary Department.

At 4:55 the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

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